

IN THE CLAIMS

1-7 (Canceled).

8. (Currently amended) A method of effecting a setting of a heat-hardenable matrix in at least one substantially strip-shaped elongated carrier which confines at least one conduit and is adjacent an internal surface of a pipe which is adapted to be embedded in the ground to convey sewage, water, gases and the like, comprising the step of:

inserting the strip-shaped elongated carrier, which has a width defined by two side edges, into the pipe and locating the carrier in the pipe with a surface of the carrier between the edges contacting the internal surface of the pipe, and

conveying only through the at least one conduit and not through a remaining portion of the pipe outside of the carrier, a fluid at a temperature which suffices to effect a setting of the matrix.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the carrier comprises, at least in part, of a textile material.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein said at least one conduit is arranged to confine at least one of the group consisting of data carriers, current conductors, gaseous fluids and liquids.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of pressing the at least one carrier against the internal surface of the pipe prior to said fluid conveying step.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein said fluid is one of a group consisting of hot water and hot vapors.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein said conveying step includes causing the fluid to flow at least once in a first direction from a first end to a second end and at least once in a second direction from the second end to the first end of the elongated carrier.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the carrier confines a plurality of conduits and said conveying step includes causing the fluid to flow from a first end to a second end of one of the conduits, thereupon from the second end of the one conduit into a second end of another of the conduits, and thereafter from the second end to a first end of the other conduit.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of urging the at least one carrier against at least one selected portion of the internal surface of the pipe.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein said urging step includes introducing into the pipe a radially expandible hose and inflating the hose in the pipe to thus urge the carrier against the at least one selected portion of the internal surface of the pipe.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of pressing the at least one carrier against the internal surface of the pipe at

least prior to said fluid conveying step, ~~including urging at least one panel against the carrier.~~

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein said pressing step includes compressing the at least one carrier between [[the]] at least one [[panel]] flexible hose and the internal surface of the pipe in the course of said conveying step.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of urging the at least one carrier against at least one selected portion of the internal surface of the pipe, said urging step including introducing into the pipe a radially expandable hose and inflating the selected portion of the internal surface of the hose, said introducing step including employing a mobile robot which is caused to invert the hose during advancement of the robot in and lengthwise of the pipe.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of releaseably securing an arm of the robot to a front end of the hose prior to advancement of the robot in the pipe.

21. – 27. (Canceled).